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METHOD AND INFORMATION RECORDING SYSTEM  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 23, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.